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Congressman Jim Lloyd,
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Dear Congressman Lloyd,

You're probably getting lots of advice these days, but I'd like to add to your files a few of my views.

I see both inflation and recession as real disasters for working people and the poor, but I can't give you my expert wisdom on how to solve these contradictory problems. Personally, I am very much opposed to any turning back in environmental standards or safety standards for industry. The oil and car companies have so totally betrayed their national trust and public responsibility over the last 20 years that they deserve no tears from us. My brother restores classic cars from the 1930's, and he tells me that the technology for most 1930-1939 cars (his speciality is Fords) could meet present day air pollution standards and get almost 20 miles to the gallon. These car companies want the entire American people to breathe their filth, be threatened with their multi-ton monsters, and have the national economy pay for the gas to run them. Then they demand a retreat on bumper standards, pollution standards, and factory pollution standards. They've been ripping off the public for years. I have stock in Texaco, Exxon, and Standard of Calif. and I'm really embarrassed to cash the dividend checks, they have gone up so much. If these companies were willing to run on a reasonable 3-4% profit, they could cut prices, clean up the environment, and save the nation from these boom-bust cycles. If they can't run their companies any better than they are

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now, and there's no real competition anyway, it would be better to nationalize them or turn them over to the U.A.W. and O.C.A.W. to run. If the Arabs go out and buy up these companies, they won't have any more concern about the interests of the American public than the present management has.

I don't know much about monetary policy, but I'm sure a \$50 billion deficit will contribute tremendously to inflation, and will mean new billions in interest going to the banks to whom loan the money to the government -- a great program for the Rockefellers and their cronies, but bad news for the future generations of American tax payers who have to pay off those loans. But with a recession looming, I am opposed to cutting programs like food stamps and other aid to the poor.

Frankly, I would slash almost all foreign aid (except for food programs), and end all military aid. Military aid over the last 20 years has been used primarily by the military to overthrow popular governments or, once in power, to suppress the people. If these foreign governments didn't have all this military equipment, they might have to listen to the people, clean up the corruption, do something about schools and health and programs like that. Russia is fed up with footing the bill for Egypt. If the Russians are fool enough to step in where we step out, they'll be hurting themselves, not us. Their billions lavished on India have enabled an increasingly corrupt and unpopular regime to stay in power. So Mrs. Gandhi doesn't like us. Who cares? Would the people of India like us better if we gave Mrs. Gandhi's generals napalm, tanks, machine guns and submarines? That stuff will be

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used either to overthrow Mrs. G., or to keep her in power after the people have overthrown her, or to pick another fight with Pakistan or conquer Nepal or Bhutan.... to break strikes and defend corrupt state governments... no possible good can come of it for the Indian people. So let the Russians get blamed! For once, we didn't make the mistake! Where people need food, we should give it when we can, regardless of the government. But no more military aid, period. And no aid to the petty dictatorships like Chile, Cambodia, S. Viet Nam, Korea, and Brazil. That will just earn us enmity, as has cropped up in Greece after we propped up their generals.

(Maybe one exception for military aid would be Israel, but not until they withdraw to their 1967 boundaries and make a real effort towards negotiating a peace with the Palestinians. They are using our military aid to bomb Lebanese villages and prevent self-government on the West Bank of the Jordan. I don't think our military aid there is helping the cause of peace.)

On the domestic budget, I would slash the Pentagon budget, space budget, research and development, all those luxuries that the tax payers can't afford any more. I've heard that there are more generals now than in W.W.II, who are in it for the big salaries, country clubs, PXes and pensions. The same goes for the bureaucrats. And Congressmen, I might add. In my opinion, they should all be cut back to a \$25,000 a year ceiling. Those that won't work for that, cabinet officials, congressmen, senators, generals, bureaucrats, can leave. There are plenty of good people willing to work for that kind of salary. If these guys are not interested in serving, are in it for the money, then we can't afford them. Anyway, we haven't gotten very good service for those \$100,000 a year salaries. We might do better

by lowering those salaries and weeding out all those who are just on the government payroll for the money. And if the government did loose a handfull of "good" people who wouldn't work for \$25,000, well, private industry is in pretty bad shape itself and needs some new blood.

On that \$100 billion defense budget, they can't be serious! Forget the SALT talks and bargaining chips and negotiations. If we cut \$50 billion out of that budget, the Russians would allow their generals to con them anymore. The peoples of both countries have been snookered too long by the generals. Just tell the generals, "No more goodies" for one year -- play with your old toys! I may sound flippanant, but I'm really disgusted at the whole scene. The Russians, the Danes, the English, the Poles are all in the same boat, supporting these mountains of junk. A new plane that can break speed records? Who cares? A faster tank, more accurate rocket, more explosive bullet? Who cares? Every school district in the Pomona Valley is firing teachers, cutting back programs. Our nation, the ship, is leaking, is sinking. Stop investing in new rockets, planes, submarines, guns, admirals, Indian Ocean bases, and what-all to "defend" the ship. Get back to the ship itself, and repair the leaks and get it running smoothly again. Then maybe we can afford to worry about throwing away our money on these military gagets again.

I guess the CIA is another hot item you're hearing about. I hear they're planning a new subversion in Portugal. I'm opposed to them interfering in other countries' affairs. They should stick strictly to information gathering unless Congress actually declares this nation at war with some other nation. And in fact, I gather the CIA doesn't have a very good track record in information

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gathering over the last 20 years. Has our foreign policy really been any better since they were founded? Personally, I would favor shutting down the whole outfit and bringing them home. Put them to work with the Border Patrol, catching the 12,000,000 illegal aliens taking away jobs from Americans and legal immigrants.

Well, I've sounded off. It was a pleasure working for you in the campaign, and I'm glad you're in. I know there are no easy solutions to the economic mess, but these are my priorities, for what they are worth. And of course I am opposed to subsidies of any kind for Mr. Vesey and his big corporation farming agribusiness cronies.

Sincerely,

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